

**FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

Captain Isaac Paine School  
160 Foster Center Road  
Foster, RI 02825

Tuesday, October 27, 2015  
Open Session – 7:15 PM

1. **Convene Meeting** – Kathleen Swanson, Chair, called the meeting of the Foster School Committee (FSC) to order at 7:15 PM on Tuesday, October 27, 2015.
  - a. *Roll Call* – all members were present: Kathleen Swanson, Chair, Shelley Pezza, Vice Chair, member, Ron Cervasio, Superintendent, Dr. Michael Barnes, and FSC secretary, Mrs. McCullough.
  - b. *Pledge of Allegiance* – was recited by all in attendance.
2. **Public Comment** – there was no public comment.
3. On a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC **voted to go into Executive Session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation – Foster Teachers Association / MOA Educational Support Personnel & R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(8), Request for Home Schooling Approval** after the Superintendent's report at 7:50 PM. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
4. **Building Use Requests** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved three Building Use Requests as presented. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Open and "Sealed" Executive Session Minutes of September 29, 2015. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
6. **Approval of Warrants** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Warrant #7 for \$15,293.55, Warrant #8 for \$147,491.99 and Warrant #9 for \$59,878.18. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
  - a. *Business Manager's Report* – Michael Petrarca, Business manager, provided a written report and expenditure report for the FSC's review.
7. **New Business (for discussion/action)**
  - a. *Disposition of Surplus Equipment* – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Disposition of Surplus Equipment as presented. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
8. **Communication/Reports**
  - a. *Communication* – there were no Communications.
  - b. *Principal's Report* – Mrs. Danusis, Principal, shared with the FSC that PARCC Assessment results will tentatively be available in November 2016. There will be a Technology night soon and PARCC results may be combined in the same evening. She

also informed the FSC that she posted a long term substitute position for Music and interviews to fill the vacant position in FELT will begin this week. On Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be A.L.I.C.E. training for staff.

- c. *Superintendent's Report* – Dr. Barnes informed the Committee that CANVAS and Google classroom will be compared before any final decisions are made for implementation.
9. **School Building Authority Award to the Foster District** – the Foster School Department has been selected for funding from the School Building Authority at RIDE and has been invited to submit a Stage 1 Necessity of School Construction. Some of the projects to be funded are: the School Main Entrance Vestibule, Bathroom Renovations, removal of carpeting on the walls in the fourth grade wing (replacing with sheetrock), repairing the brick veneer, replacement of exterior lighting and asphalt in the rear of the school. Mr. Cervasio requested a Building Committee meeting in the very near future for another walk through and review of corrective action.

After reconvening Open Session, Mrs. Swanson reported that Collective Bargaining and Litigation – Foster Teachers Association were discussed. Two votes were taken – one for a home schooling request and one to approve an MOA with the Educational Support Personnel Union pending legal approval.

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Cervasio, the FSC voted to “Seal” the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

10. **Future Agenda Items** –

- a. PARCC
- b. Large Stock Room – costing out the installation of a second floor
- c. Safety Plan Review – Executive Session
- d. Legal Council

11. **Adjournment** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to Adjourn at 8:31 PM. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough  
Secretary Foster School Committee